

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-2. (withdrawn)

3. (currently amended) A method for the detection of a nucleic acid molecule encoding an IGF-1 receptor interacting protein comprising:

a) incubating a sample with a nucleic acid probe that is selected from the group consisting of:

(i) a nucleic acid probe having the sequence SEQ ID No: 5 or a nucleic acid which is ~~complementary~~ at least 90% identical thereto; and

(ii) a nucleic acid probe that ~~hybridizes with one of the nucleic acid probes from (i) and~~ though not identical to the nucleic acid probes from (i), but, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code encode a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of the polypeptides encoded by nucleic acid sequences of (i); and

b) detecting whether hybridization has occurred.

4. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein said sample is selected from the group consisting of body fluid of a patient suffering from cancer; tumor cells; a tumor cell extract; and a cell culture supernatant of said tumor cells.

5. (canceled)

6. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein the nucleic acid to be detected is amplified before the detection.

7. (canceled)

8.-9. (withdrawn)

10. (canceled)

11. (New) A method for the detection of a nucleic acid molecule encoding an IGF-1 receptor interacting protein comprising:

a) incubating a sample with a nucleic acid probe that is selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) a nucleic acid probe having the sequence SEQ ID No:5; and
- (ii) a nucleic acid probe that though not identical to the nucleic acid probe of (i), but, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code encodes a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of (i); and

b) detecting whether hybridization has occurred.